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### 10. Geographical Data

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| Zone Easting Northing                                    |   |

### Verbal Boundary Description

Lyon Park is located in central Arlington County, Virginia. It is set to the south of the Clarendon Commercial District and lies between the Ashton Heights neighborhood to the west and Fort Myer to the east. The neighborhood is nestled between 10<sup>th</sup> Street North to the north and Arlington Boulevard to the south. Arlington Boulevard also forms the eastern boundary of the district and from there the neighborhood extends westward to North Irving Street. The Lyon Park Historic District occupies approximately 284 acres.

### Boundary Justification

The boundaries of Lyon Park Historic District encompass the original 1919 Lyon Park neighborhood as well as adjacent properties to the north, south, east, and west developed as additions to Lyon Park between 1936 and 1951. These additions all continue the development of the original plan designed by William Sunderman. As a result, these properties are included in the historic district.

The southern- and eastern-most boundaries of the historic district lie along Arlington Boulevard. The post-1922 additions to Lyon Park lie between the original 102 acres to the west and north, and Arlington Boulevard to the east and south. Arlington Boulevard, also known as Lee Boulevard and U.S. Route 50, was completed along the south and east border of Lyon Park by the mid-1930s, separating Lyon Park from other residential neighborhoods developed on the southern side of the road, and from Fort Myer to the east. This road continues to be a major commuter route into Washington, D.C. for the residents of Lyon Park. A new commercial building located on the south corner of North Pershing Drive and Arlington Boulevard, the apartment complex on North Bedford Street, and the school board facilities located a block from Arlington Boulevard on North Fillmore Street, were constructed after 1951. These properties, as well as a few

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individual properties not contributing to the period of significance, have been excluded from the historic district.

North Irving Street is the primary western boundary of the Lyon Park Historic District. It marks the edge of Frank Lyon's 1951 development. The original 1919 plat of Lyon Park depicts a portion of the neighborhood between 2<sup>nd</sup> Road North and North Pershing Drive extending to North Irving Street. Between 1936 and 1951, Frank Lyon extended the neighborhood's northern boundaries to 10<sup>th</sup> Street North and its southern boundaries to Arlington Boulevard. Along this western boundary are a few new dwellings that have been constructed on the sites of demolished historic resources and/or previously unimproved lots. As these modern buildings are not consistent with the neighboring historic resources in form, ornament, or scale, they have been excluded from the district.

The northernmost boundary of the district is situated along 10<sup>th</sup> Street North. Today, 10<sup>th</sup> Street North serves as a major thoroughfare, connecting with Arlington Boulevard at the northeast corner of Lyon Park. Due to the increased use of 10<sup>th</sup> Street North, many new commercial buildings and multiple dwellings have been built, resulting in the demolition of a number of historic resources. These modern buildings, erected during the last half of the twentieth century, have been excluded from the historic district, as they are not compatible with the contributing resources within the Lyon Park Historic District.